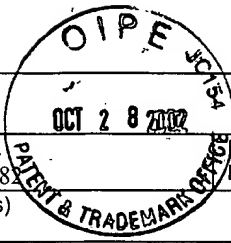


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Serial No. 09/855,188	Filing Date May 14, 2001	Examiner Karin M. Reichle
Inventor(s) Fell et al.		Group Art Unit 3761
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- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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x 42=	
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Total add'l fee	\$

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